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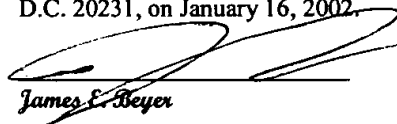
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed as a preliminary amendment to the above-noted application. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 8 and 13 as follows:

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8. (Amended) A method of analyzing structural stress as claimed in claim 5 wherein said selected cross section of said structure is defined by a thickness t